

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

## Western District of Louisiana

### NOTICE OF FEE CHANGE

Effective 4-9-06

The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Pub L. 109-171) enacted on February 8, 2006, includes changes to the filing fee amounts required by 28 U.S.C. § 1930 effective 4-9-06 as follows:

DESCRIPTION	Old Fee	New Fee
<b>CHAPTER 7</b>	<b>\$274.00</b>	<b>\$299.00</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Installment	\$ 92.00	\$ 99.00
2 <sup>ND</sup> /3 <sup>RD</sup> Installment	\$ 91.00	\$ 100.00
<b>CHAPTER 13</b>	<b>\$189.00</b>	<b>\$274.00</b>
1 <sup>ST</sup> Installment	\$ 63.00	\$ 94.00
2 <sup>ND</sup> /3 <sup>RD</sup> Installment	\$ 63.00	\$ 90.00
<b>CONVERSION</b>		
from Chapter 7 to Chapter 11	\$780.00	<b>\$755.00</b>
from Chapter 13 to Chapter 11	\$850.00	<b>\$765.00</b>

### \*\*MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULE NOT AFFECTED BY CHANGE \*\*

**The cost of the fees contained in Items 6, 11, 15, 19 and 21 of the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule** which are linked to statutory filing fees that changed as a result of the Deficit Reduction Act, WILL NOT CHANGE at this time.

**Item 6:** The adversary filing fee is linked to the district court civil action filing fee. On April 9, the civil action filing fee will increase to \$350; however, the fee for filing an adversary proceeding in a bankruptcy case will remain \$250.

**Item 11:** The fee for reopening a case is the same as the statutory filing fee for commencing a new case on the date of reopening. However, the fee for reopening a case on or after April 9, will be as follows:

- the fee charged for reopening a chapter 7 case will be \$220;
- the fee for reopening a chapter 13 case will be \$150.

**Items 15 & 21:** The fee for docketing an appeal and the fee for docketing a cross appeal are linked to the fee for filing an appeal in the Court of Appeals. Although the fee for filing an appeal in the Court of Appeals is increasing to \$450, the fee for docketing an appeal or a cross appeal in the bankruptcy courts will remain \$255 (includes \$5.00 re: 1930(c)).

**Item 19:** The fee for splitting a joint case is linked to the current filing fee for the chapter under which the case was originally commenced. However, the fee for splitting a case will remain the same as the amount of the statutory filing fee for the appropriate chapter prior to April 9. Therefore,

- the fee charged for splitting a case originally commenced under chapter 7 will remain \$220,
- the fee for splitting a case originally commenced under chapter 13 will remain \$150.

**NOTE:** Congress intended to increase the Chapter 11 filing fee; however, due to a drafting error in the language of the Deficit Reduction Act which references the incorrect statutory subsection, the Chapter 11 fee (along with any items listed on the miscellaneous fee schedule which are linked to the Chapter 11 fee) remains unaltered at this time.